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NOTES AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENTS

PRODUCES NEW SOWING DEVICE*-- Sozialistische Volkszeitung, No 15, 17 Aug 49

The people-owned Avert plant in Berlin-Weissensee has developed a manually-operated sowing machine.

With the aid of this device, the spacing of seed can be controlled so accurately that conservation of seed amounts to as much as 80 percent and greater yield is achieved.

The machine is operated by a special drive mechanism and has separate seed rollers for fine seed, coarse seed, and grain. The factory is ready to make deliveries of the machines.

POTATO YIELD TO BE INCREASED -- Sozialistische Volkszeitung, No 43, 19 Sep 49

According to Professor Dr Schick, as a result of proper breeding and selection it will be possible to raise East Germany's potato yield to 400 centners per hectare, as compared with current yields of approximately 270 centners per hectare.

Professor Schick is setting up a new scientific institute for potato breeding in Gross-Iuesewitz near Rostock.

HARVESTS 110,000 TONS OLEAGINOUS PLANTS -- Sozialistische Volkszeitung, No 39,
14 Sep 49

In 1949, Soviet Zone Germany harvested 110,000 tons of oleaginous plants, as compared with 40,000 tons in 1948. The crops are processed in oil-extraction mills.

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CARRIES OUT AFFORESTATION PROGRAM -- Sozialistische Volkszeitung, No 85,
7 Nov 49

By means of an extensive afforestation program in Sachsen-Anhalt, it is planned to overcome the damage to forests caused by exhaustive exploitation during the war years, by weather conditions, and by insect plagues.

During 1949 alone, an area of 15,500 hectares was planted in Sachsen-Anhalt.

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